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Dear SAC Member:

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) wishes to extend our thanks for your participation in our consultation in May/June 2022 on how local voice can be enhanced in Nova Scotia's education system.

The goal of consultation with School Advisory Councils (SACs) and des comités d'école consultatifs (CECs) was to listen and better understand what parts of the education system would benefit from enhanced local voice, the opportunities that exist for enhancing local voice, as well as any challenges that prevent local voice from being heard.

We received valuable feedback from you as part of phase 1 of our consultation. At a high level, we heard, in part, the following:

- SAC/CEC members would like to see a more defined process for providing local voice feedback and receiving information
- The overall awareness of SACs/CECs is low among school communities
- Recruitment, especially recruitment of diverse representation, is an issue for many SAC/CECs
- The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the level of engagement with EECD

Now, we will engage the broader school system and general public as part of our phase 2 consultation. Once that is complete, we will provide a comprehensive report into what we heard from you in phase 1 and the broader school community in phase 2.

We appreciate you taking the time to provide input. The information collected will be used to enhance opportunities for local voice and improve the school system for our students. More information will be provided in the near future regarding phase 2. We encourage you to participate in phase 2 as a valued member of your school community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Becky Druhan".

Becky Druhan
Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development